



DECISION RECORD

Service Reference Number	ASC 2025 04
Decision Maker	Tracy Meyerhoff, Director of Adult Social Services
Delegated Authority	Officer exercising delegated powers pursuant to Part B, Paragraph 18.1 of the Constitution
Decision:	To award the Older Peoples Grant of £150,000 to Age UK Hull for the period 1 st April 2025 to 31 st March 2026.
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Decision Record Ref: ASC/2024/11 gave authority to undertake a competitive grant application process to award a grant of up to £150,000 to cover the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 to deliver preventative services for older people aimed at supporting people to live in their homes without the need for statutory services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Advice • Preventative Outreach Day Opportunities • Preventative Befriending and Advocacy service • Falls Support and Prevention Service <p>In January 2025, the grant opportunity was published on the Council's YorTender eProcurement system and interested organisations invited to submit an application form. A specification was published detailing the areas the Council wanted the money to spent on the outcomes to be delivered through the grant. The application form required interested organisations to explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how they propose to use the grant to deliver the outcomes to the citizens of Hull described in the specification • how they propose to use the grant to successfully manage the chosen services to the community in Hull • how they will use the grant monies and/or alternative methods of delivery, to grow and develop the service to meet increases in customer demand and to become more sustainable in the future • how they propose to use the grant to ensure targets for the outcome to the community in Hull are met

Three submissions were received, and these were evaluated by the Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Brokerage and the Commissioning Manager with responsibility for preventative services. The individual evaluations were then moderated in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. The results of the evaluation are provided in detail in appendix 1 and are summarised as follows:

Organisation	Age UK Hull	Provider 2	Provider 3
Overall Score out of 100	75	57	0
Ranking	1	2	3

As they submitted the highest rated application, it is proposed that Age UK Hull are awarded the grant for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. This ensures the Council comply with relevant procurement legislation and the Council's constitutional requirements.

The services to be provided by Age UK using the grant include:

- information and advice service supporting older people to access support to help them continue to live independently in their homes and maximise their benefit entitlement,
- preventative outreach day opportunities,
- preventative befriending and advocacy service offering home visits, tele-befriending and pen-pal befriending,
- Falls Support and Prevention Service.

Evidence from previous years shows that there is significant demand in the city for these types of services. All these services will assist older people in obtaining advice and information to help them access appropriate support whilst also delivering services aimed at helping people to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible.

Commissioners will agree with Age UK Hull detailed performance measures around numbers of people accessing the services and the impacts and outcomes delivered from that access. The voice of people using these services will be central to the monitoring of the services. Performance will be monitored and managed through quarterly information returns and quarterly contract management meetings. An annual report to the Health and Care Partnership will also be produced.

Nature of Decision:

Non-Key

Exemptions

Is the accompanying formal report (or other documentation where applicable) exempt? **Yes – Appendix 1 is exempt from publication.**

Reason the report (or other documentation) is exempt: Appendix 1 I exempt from publication as it contains details relating to supplier submissions.

Background and Supporting Information:

ASC Commissioning Team files. Grant Application documentation	
Equalities Impact Information:	
Does the decision have relevance to equality or affect any group with protected characteristics?	YES – please see attached supporting report
Contact Officer: Neil Daynes, Head of Commissioning, Contracts and Brokerage, Tel: 01482 615073	
Chief Officer Comments	
<u>Comments of the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships (Monitoring Officer)</u>	
The decision to award a contract to Age UK Hull is noted and supported. The Council undertook a tender exercise for the funding and evaluated it in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The award of the grant will also be compliant with the Subsidy Control Act 2022. (PG)	
<u>Comments of the Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)</u>	
As this grant money is already included within the Adult Social Care plans there is no unexpected financial impact in 2025-26 so the decision is supported. (HM)	
<u>Comments of the Assistant Director of Organisation Development & Human Resources and compliance with the equality act</u>	
The content of the report is noted. There are no staffing or equalities issues arising from this decision for the council. KH	
<u>Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health</u>	
It is imperative that the Council supports services aimed at helping older people to continue living independently in their own homes so the recommendation is supported	
<u>Scrutiny Comments</u>	
This decision has not been subject to pre-decision scrutiny. (Ref. Sc8666 (FH))	
Exceptional Circumstances	
Is the decision record currently exempt from publication at the point of decision?	No
If yes, what date can the decision record be made public?	N/A
Reason the decision record is exempt from publication at the point of decision:	
N/A	
Signature of Decision Maker:	

Signed: Signature Confirmed	
Date signed: ... 25/03/2025	
FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY OFFICE:	
Date published on CMIS: 26.03.25
Can the decision be called in?	No
Date decision comes into force:	... 26.03.25